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**BOB BLANKS
CAUGHT.**

He is said to be in jail at
Cairo — Great Excite-
ment in Mayfield Over
the Arrest.

Blanks Caught in a Strawberry
patch 18 Miles From Cairo.
After Hot Pursuit—May Get
No Requisition.

There was great excitement in
Mayfield last night when it became
known that the long-sought rap-
eist, Bob Blanks, was in captivity
in Illinois, and safely landed in the
Cairo jail.

In a short time there was a mob,
and it met the midnight cannon ball
from Fulton, but was disappointed,
for the rapist was not aboard.

Blanks, according to reports, was
captured several days ago, eighteen
miles from Cairo, in a strawberry
patch, where he was at work. He
ran as soon as he perceived the ap-
proach of the officer, but was run
down after an exciting chase.

The capture was kept a secret until
the prisoner could be identified, and
Marshall McNutt, according to re-
ports, went down a day or two ago
and identified him. The secret then
leaked out.

It had been supposed for some
time that the negro was hiding some-
where in the Illinois bottoms, and
officers had been on the lookout for
him to get the reward for his cap-
ture.

Blanks' crime was one of the most
heinous ever committed in Kentucky.
One night in January last, he seized
Linnie Bailey, a girl about 12 years
of age, while she was on the way
home from a neighbor's, and drag-
ging her to a warehouse, fiendishly
assaulted her, and then made his
escape, but not until three shots had
been fired at him by the officers in
pursuit.

He contrived to escape, and for
several weeks, according to reports,
dodged about in the lower part of the
county and in Illinois, being hidden
by friends and relatives.

A large reward was offered for his
capture, amounting to several hun-
dred dollars, and this resulted in a
thorough search being maintained
for him until he was at length caught,
as was always believed he would be.

Blanks is well known in Paducah,
where he was before the police court
several times for various offenses.
Application has been made for a re-
quisition for him, but it will not be
granted, according to reports, be-
cause to carry him back to Mayfield
will mean swift and certain death.

Two men have been lynched there
this year, and threats have been
made to burn Blanks, on account of
his diabolical crime.

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The Navy Department Arrang-
ing for Coast Defense—
Spanish Fleets Will Be
Warmly Welcomed.

FLYING SQUADRON OFF HAVANA

A Land and Naval Attack May
Soon Be Made On Havana—
Not Waiting to Destroy
the Spanish Fleet.

CUBA MAY SOON BE INVADIED.

Washington, May 18.—Bulletin—
The strategy board admits today that
it cannot locate the Spanish fleet. It
may be in any one of a dozen
places.

Newport News, Va., May 18.—
News was received here today of the
formation of a fifth American squad-
ron to be used solely for coast de-
fense. The cruisers New Orleans,
Columbia, Yosemite, Dixie and sev-
eral vessels from the mosquito fleet
will be joined under one command.
It is not yet known who the com-
mander will be.

Cape Haytien, May 18.—The
cruisers Yale and Minneapolis touch-
ed here today. They are a part of
Admiral Sampson's scouting vessels.

MAY JOIN FLEETS.

Washington, May 18.—The navy
department has today heard from
both Admiral Sampson and Commo-
dore Schley. They are rapidly ap-
proaching each other and their fleets
will soon be together. But no word
comes of the whereabouts of the
Spaniards.

JOINS BLOCKADING SQUADRON.

Washington, May 18.—The flying
squadron, under Commander Schley,
joined the Havana blockading squad-
ron safely today. Should the Span-
ish fleet attempt to reach Havana, it
will be intercepted.

MAY ATTACK HAVANA.

Washington, May 18.—It is be-
lieved the arrival of the flying squad-
ron at Key West will be followed by a
combined land and naval attack on
Havana. From what can be learned
here today, the invasion of Cuba will
no longer be delayed, but will be
pushed vigorously. Admiral Samp-
son will be assigned the task of look-
ing after the Spanish fleet, while the
flying squadron will cover the inva-
sion of Cuba.

WILL ATTACK MANILA.

Hong Kong, May 18.—General
Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader, re-
turned to Manila yesterday on the
dispatch boat McCulloch. He will
organize the insurgent forces under
American direction and storm Manila
from the land side. A fight is ex-
pected. Need of more American
ships and troops is intensely felt by
Admiral Dewey just now.

COLSON'S REGIMENT NOT ACCEPTED.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—
Representative Colson, of Kentucky,
who organized a regiment of moun-
taineers in his district for service in
Cuba, has returned to the city and
had a talk with the President in re-
gard to have his command ac-
cepted. He finds, however, that
there is no way of getting the reg-
iment mustered in this time.

JEWS PRAY FOR AMERICA.

Chicago, May 18.—A correspond-
ent of the Chicago Daily Jewish
Courier writes from the city of Grod-
no, Russia, that throughout the
province of the same name the Jewish
inhabitants set apart a day two weeks
ago as a time of fasting and prayer
for the success of the United States
arms and for a speedy victory for the
American government in the war
against Spain.

GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

Will Be Here Next Week to In-
spect the Custom House.

Inspector C. Zieckriegel, of Wash-
ington, will arrive here this week to

SPANISH FLEET IN OBSCURITY.

complete arrangements to begin work
on the custom house improvements,
decided on some time since by the
government.

BEN KEYS NOMINATED.

Princeton, Ky., May 18, 4 p. m.
—At a meeting of the Populists
of the First District today, Hon.
Ben C. Keys was nominated for
congress over G. W. Reeves. Keys
received 49 votes, Reeves 43.

PROFILE FOUND.

This afternoon the missing profile
was found in the tin box in the city
engineer's office, just as the Six yes-
terday said it would be. It will be
given to the contractors tomorrow.

HOME FORUM.

The Home Forum will meet tomor-
row night at Elks hall at the usual
hour, and all members are requested
to be present.

DOCTORS ADJOURN.

Several Entertaining Papers
Read This Afternoon at
the Convention.

The Banquet Last Night a Most
Enjoyable Affair—Conven-
tion a Success.

The twenty-seventh convention of
the Southwest Kentucky Medical as-
sociation adjourned this afternoon,
after a two days' session. The doc-
tors will all have returned to their
respective homes by tonight.

Today little has been done other
than the reading and discussion of
various papers. Several of those
who were down on the program were
unavoidably absent, and their papers
were accordingly postponed.

Those read were as follows:
Diagnosis and Treatment of Typhoid
Fever—Dr. J. C. Yates, Beeler-
ton, Ky.

Title to Be Announced—Dr. J. M.
Mathews, Louisville, Ky.
Pseudo-Membranous Croup—Dr. E.
T. Dunnaway, Brewer's Mill, Ky.
Acute Endocarditis and Pericarditis
—A. Bernheim, Paducah.

Pneumonia of '98—Dr. B. Flint,
Folsomdale, Ky.
A Talk—W. F. Waugh, Chicago.
Reading of Volunteer Papers.
Report of Cases.

Last night the regular election of
officers took place at the city hall,
the result being the election of Major
Frank Boyd as president of the as-
sociation, and Drs. Coleman, of Prince-
ton, senior vice president, and Dr.
Scilley, of Benton, junior vice presi-
dent. Dr. P. H. Stewart was elect-
ed secretary, and Dr. C. H. Broth-
ers, treasurer. Dr. Stewart served
for several years as secretary, and
declined to have it last year.

Mayfield was selected as the next
place of meeting, the next meeting to
be held in October.

After the conclusion of the meet-
ing, the doctors repaired to the Pal-
mer house, and had their annual
banquet.

The menu was as follows:

Sherry
Little Neck Clams,
(a la Spanish Navy)

Radishes
Cream of Terrapin

Broiled Delaware Shad, a la Olympia
(Niersteiner)

Broiled Spring Chicken on Toast
(a la Chickamauga)

Green Peas in Cartridges
(St. Julien)

U. S. Army Punch
Stuffed Crabs in Shell
(a la Montejo)

Asparagus (Silvery Mousseux)

Fresh Shrimp Salad
(a la Torpedo)

Diplomatic Ice Cream
Veau Ciquet (a la Delome)

Strawberries Assorted Cakes

Nuts Cheese Wafers

Cuba Smoke Manila Coffee

CIRCUIT COURT.

The Muller will case is still on
trial in the circuit court, and may
last a day or two longer.

The jury in the case of the Bras-
well administrator against T. B.
Fauntleroy, last night rendered a
verdict in favor of the plaintiff for
\$270.

Commissure's delight—Lionwood
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belated spring suit. You'll be glad you waited--it'll cost you so little.

DALTON, THE TAILOR

SPANISH FLEET IN OBSCURITY.

Sails With Destination Un-
known, But May at Any Time
Meet One of America's
Big Fleets.

NAVAL EXPERTS GUESSING.

Interesting Theory of the Situa-
tion in the Caribbean Sea
Worked Out By the
Experts.

IT IS ALL GUESS WORK, HOWEVER.

Washington, May 18.—Spain's
elusive Cape Verde fleet is still sail-
ing in a sea of obscurity. Informa-
tion received here from Curacao is
that the fleet steamed west for that
island. This is thought to mean that
it has sailed from the Gulf of Vene-
zuela where, in the calm waters of
that arm of the Caribbean sea, col-
liers will be met and coal taken on
board.

Naval officers say that information
was in the hands of the department
two weeks ago that colliers were
headed for that place and they now
lament the fact that cruisers were
not sent to capture them.

The coaling of the Spanish fleet
will take twenty-four hours at least.
Admiral Cervera, it is thought, will
then move on to Cuba to try and
raise the blockade, but he has lost
valuable time and his opportunity.

Before he can reach the shores of
Cuba, Sampson, Schley and Watson
will have formed a junction and the
armored ships of this fleet, excepting
the monitors, will be stationed at
some strategic point from which they
can strike a quick blow in any direc-
tion.

The monitors Terror, Miantono-
mah, Puritan and Amphitrite will lie
off Havana and can prevent the Cape
Verde fleet from entering that
port should they give Sampson and
Schley the slip.

Sampson will be senior officer of
the combined fleet and will have as
a fighting force the armored cruisers
New York and Brooklyn, the battle-
ships Iowa, Indiana, Massachusetts
and Texas, besides the best of pro-
tected cruisers and torpedo boats.
This force is more than a match for
the fleet Cervera can bring against it.

The detachment of the monitors
will increase the speed of Sampson's
fleet at least five knots. This applies
even to the battleships. Should the
Spanish fleet be met and try to run
away the Brooklyn and Minneapolis
could overtake them and hold them in
battle till the other ships come up.

Washington, May 18.—Notwith-
standing the many and varied reports
naval experts here believe Admiral
Cervera with his whole fleet is steam-
ing for Cienfuegos, on the South
coast of Cuba. Should it steam for
Havana direct it is liable to be met
by the fleet of Commodore Schley,
now off the Florida coast, under its
fullest speed, with Key West as its
first point of communication.

It is the probability that if Admi-
ral Cervera, with his fleet, left Cura-
co with his direct destination Cien-
fuegos, he will keep to the South of
the Island of Jamaica, and thus avoid
Sampson's fleet.

It is an open question with some if
Cervera cannot reach Havana before
Commodore Schley could reach it.
From Curacao to Havana is 1450
miles. Schley left Charleston Sun-
day night at 6 o'clock, with 750
miles between him and Key West.

It will take him 72 hours to reach
Key West. This would bring him
there about 4 or 5 o'clock this after-
noon.

If the Spanish fleet is heading for
Havana, under its strain of greatest
pressure it can make 400 miles a day.
The course it will probably travel has
a current which naval men say is
equal to two knots an hour. But

giving it 400 miles a day, and assum-
ing it left Curacao Sunday night at
6 o'clock, it can cover the 1450 miles
in three and a half days. This
would put it into Havana tomorrow
about noon.

If Schley reaches Key West at 5
o'clock this afternoon he would still
have eighty miles to steam to reach
Havana. Under a 10-knot log this
would bring him to Havana in eight
hours or at one o'clock on Thursday
morning, in time to head off the en-
emy's fleet eight or nine hours. In
view of such a close race the general
conviction is that the Spanish fleet
is making for Cienfuegos. If it is
heading for Havana it is taking the
chances of meeting Schley and ready
to give him battle.

If Admiral Sampson should drop
his monitors and the destination of
the Spanish fleet is Cienfuegos it is
not improbable the two fleets might
come together northwest of the island
of Jamaica this afternoon.

From Cape Haytien, where Samp-
son was reported Monday, to Cien-
fuegos is about 650 miles. If he
left there at noon Monday without
the monitors, under a 10-knot log he
can reach Cienfuegos on Thursday
morning at 6 o'clock. If the Span-
ish fleet left Curacao on Sunday at 6
o'clock, with 550 miles to steam,
they ought to be at Cienfuegos
Wednesday evening, 12 hours ahead
of Sampson. The chance of their
meeting would be an accident over-
taking the Spanish fleet, always a
contingency. In any way it is looked
at a pretty race is going on.

POLICE COURT.

Wm. Parker Held For Malicious
Shooting.

The case against Rube Nard, for
gaming, was continued in Judge
Sanders' court this morning.

William Parker, charged with ma-
liciously shooting at Ella Johnson,
colored, was held to answer, and in
default of a \$300 bond was remanded
to jail.

The case against Alice Williams
and Gollie Brant, for receiving stolen
goods, were continued.

There were several tramps before
Judge Sanders this morning charged
with vagrancy, and they were all
turned loose. Three of them were
white, and they said they came here
to work at the cordage factory, and
learned that they could not get work
until Monday, and one of them hav-
ing no shirt out of the laundry, they
all repaired to the woods to await the
arrival of the young man's laundry,
and were gathered in by the police.
One of the tramps was a boy named
Tucker, who was left off the Tennes-
see, and lives at Clarksville. He has
been here about two weeks, and will
be sent home at the expense of the
city.

Judge Sanders took occasion to re-
mark so all could hear it, that there
was no excuse for a man being a
tramp, as there is plenty of work in
Paducah, and plenty of opportunity
for a man to join the army, if he can-
not get work. The names of them
were: F. S. Rupert, T. B. McAttee,
Cliff Delaney, Jim Tucker, Morris
Holbrook, Rufus Boyd, Geo. Foster,
Henry Davis and Fred Allen.

The case against the men and wo-
men charged with breaking into the
residence of Rev. Wulffman, were
postponed until tomorrow by the
commonwealth this morning owing to
the fact that one of the defendants,
the Johnson woman, was sick in jail,
and could not attend court. The
case will come up again tomorrow
morning.

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The Sun gives all the war news.

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PEACEFUL BLOCKADE ENDED.

In the Future When Our Ships
Approach a Cuban Port
They Will Bombard It
in Earnest.

RUSHING WORK ON NEW SHIPS.

The Alabama, Illinois, Kearsarge
and Kentucky Will Soon Be
Ready—Enormous Esti-
mates for Expenses.

WAR MAY LAST A YEAR OR MORE.

Washington, May 18.—President
McKinley has abandoned his peaceful
blockade idea.

When our ships approach a Cuban
harbor hereafter it will be with a
business intent. Orders have been
telegraphed that will give Commo-
dore Watson an opportunity to turn
his ships loose on all fortifications
where resistance is offered. Every
Cuban port that is strongly protected
will be attacked and the bombard-
ment will be kept up until Spanish
guns are silenced and gunboats are
sunk.

Secretary Long insists that in the
future light fighting craft shall not
be permitted to risk destruction by
facing superior batteries. Within a
week the strategy board will be a
reminiscence except as to name. A
complete change of policy has been
mapped out by the secretary of the
navy. Instead of fighting sea battles
on paper here in the department they
are hereafter to be fought by officers
at the scene of action.

They will also be left to do the
planning, except in so far as the de-
partment may give orders as to po-
licies. This change has been definitely
decided upon. Captain Barker, of
the board, has been ordered to the

command of the Newark, which will
go into commission next Saturday.
His departure will mark the breaking
up of the naval board of strategy,
which has not been over successful,
even in its paper battles. It will be
the plan of the secretary of the navy
after this week to leave more to the
direction and tact of the officers in
command, reserving to himself and
his department advisers the right to
counsel and veto anything which may
be, in their judgment, entirely an
error.

OUR NEW BATTLESHIPS.

Washington, May 18.—The battle-
ship Alabama will be ready for
launching today. The ceremonies
will be secret. Work on Kearsarge,
Kentucky and Illinois is being rush-
ed. The Yosemite has sailed to join
Commodore Howell's mosquito fleet.

BIG WAR EXPENDITURES.

Washington, May 18.—The total
war estimates and appropriations
now amount to \$425,000,000. There
is a growing feeling that war will last
a year or more. The optimistic view
that Spain will sue for peace after the
next big defeat is not shared in by
prominent republicans who are sup-
posed to reflect the opinions of the
administration. Some of the men
who were for peace at any price are
now saying: "Knew it would be so."
They say America has a long, hard
fight ahead, but admit that our army
and navy will be equal to the occa-
sion, only depleting the large expen-
diture of money in war expenses.

HARVARD WILL GET OUT.

New York, May 18.—There are
assurances that the war board has
found a way to get the Harvard out
of St. Pierre harbor without risk of
destruction by the Spanish torpedo
boat destroyer Terror. It involves
the use of the Yale and the Mont-
gomery to watch the port at the
three-mile limit, to wait until the
Harvard appears, and then to be
prepared, in case the Terror follows,
or other Spanish torpedo boat de-
stroyers come along, to fall upon
them with their heavy and light rapid
fire guns and destroy them.

PREPARING TO ATTACK MANILA.

Spanish Rule in the Philippines
to Be Annihilated—General
Aguinaldo Will Lead
the Attack.

WILL OBEY ADMIRAL DEWEY.

Consents to Act Humanely and
Under American Orders—The
Charleston May Sail Today
With Reinforcements.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND SOLDIERS WANTED.

Hong Kong, May 18.—Yesterday
Gen. Aguinaldo, with Col. Del Pil-
ler, his private secretary; Senor
Leyla and fifteen other rebel leaders
forming the insurgent cabinet, sailed
for Manila on the dispatch boat
Hugh McCulloch.

Gen. Aguinaldo will land at Ca-
vite, where 3,700 troops, it is re-
ported, await him, and will make a
complete annihilation of Spanish rule
in the Philippines.

Gen. Aguinaldo has promised to
conduct the campaign on humane
lines and under absolute allegiance
to Admiral Dewey, Gen. Merritt
and Mr. Williams, late consul at
Manila, who, with Mr. Wildman,
carried through the negotiations with
the insurgent refugees at Hong Kong.

Washington, May 18.—The
cruiser Charleston may sail today
from San Francisco for Manila.
Gen. Merritt, who is to command
the military expedition to the
Philippines, has urged that he be
given at least 15,000 men, and that
not less than one-third of his force
should be regulars.

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